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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 63-68 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-62 (Cancelled).

Claim 63 (Currently Amended). A printing information distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected to portable information terminals and printers through a communication network, each of the portable information terminals
5 comprising first input means for inputting a first user ID of a
portable information terminal and first transmitting means for
transmitting the first user ID input by the first input means
through the communication network, and each of the printers
comprising second input means for inputting a second user ID of a
10 printer which is input by an input operation of a user of the
printer and a second transmitting means for transmitting the

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second user ID input by the second input means through the communication network, the apparatus comprising:

means for storing items of print information;

15 means for transmitting to one of the portable information terminals through the communication network a printing reservation screen image which [[makes]] enables a user of the one of the portable information terminals to input a reservation request for printing a selected item or items of the print

20 information stored in the print information memory by one of the printers and the first user ID and identification of the one of the portable information terminals;

means for storing the reservation request and the first user ID which are transmitted from ~~identification of the one of the portable information terminals which are input by the user and transmitted through the communication network;~~ and

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distribution means, in response to the second user ID an ~~input identification of a portable information terminal~~ transmitted from one of the printers, for selecting and reading a

30 reservation request from the reservation request and first user ID identification storing means which corresponds to the second user ID transmitted from the one of the printers input ~~identification,~~ reading an item or items of print information

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35 from the print information storing means which corresponds to the
read reservation request, and transmitting the read item or items
of print information to the one of the printers which transmits
the second user ID.

Claim 64 (Currently Amended). The printing information
distribution apparatus according to claim 63, wherein

the printing reservation screen image [[makes]] enables the
user to input the reservation request, the first user ID, and a
5 selection of advertisement printing input identification, and a
print format;

the reservation request and identification storing means
stores the reservation request, the first user ID, and the
selection of advertisement printing input identification, and the
10 print format; and

the distribution means reads the reservation request and
the selection of advertisement printing print format from the
reservation request and first user ID identification storing
means which corresponds to the second user ID transmitted from
15 the one of the printers input identification, reads an item or
items of print information from the print information storing
means which corresponds to the read reservation request, ~~modifies~~

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the read item or items of print information based on the read
print format, and transmits the modified read item or items of
20 print information with advertisement based on the read selection
of advertisement printing to the one of the printers which
transmits the second user ID.

Claim 65 (Currently Amended). The printing information
distribution apparatus according to claim 63, wherein

the printing reservation screen image [[makes]] enables the
user to input the reservation request, the first user ID, and a
5 selection of continuous printing input identification, and a
print medium selection;

the reservation request and identification storing means
stores the reservation request, the first user ID, and the
selection of continuous printing input identification, and the
10 print medium selection; and

the distribution means reads the reservation request and
the selection of continuous printing print medium selection from
the reservation request and first user ID identification storing
means which corresponds to the second user ID transmitted from
15 the one of the printers input identification, reads an item or
items of print information from the print information storing

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means which corresponds to the read reservation request, develops
a content having a number of pages of ~~modifies~~ the read item or
items of print information based on the read selection of
20 continuous printing ~~print medium selection~~, and transmits the
developed content ~~modified item or items of print information~~ to
the one of the printers which transmits the second user ID.

Claim 66 (Currently Amended). A printing information
distribution apparatus which is adapted to be operably connected
to portable information terminals and printers through a
communication network, each of the portable information terminals
5 comprising a first input device to input a first user ID of a
portable information terminal and a first transmitter to transmit
the first user ID input by the first input device through the
communication network, and each of the printers comprising a
second input device to input a second user ID of a printer which
10 is input by an input operation of a user of the printer and a
second transmitter to transmit the second user ID input by the
second input device through the communication network, the
apparatus comprising:

a print information storage device which stores items of
15 print information;

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a transmitter which transmits to one of the portable information terminals through the communication network a printing reservation screen image which ~~[[makes]]~~ enables a user of the one of the portable information terminals to input a reservation request for printing a selected item or items of the print information stored in the print information memory by one of the printers and the first user ID ~~and identification of the one of the portable information terminals;~~

a reservation request and identification storage device which stores the reservation request and the first user ID which are transmitted from ~~identification of the one of the portable information terminals which are input by the user and transmitted~~ through the communication network; and

a distribution device which, in response to the second user ID ~~an input identification of a portable information terminal~~ transmitted from one of the printers, which selects and reads a reservation request from the reservation request and first user ID ~~identification~~ storage device which corresponds to the second user ID transmitted from the one of the printers ~~input~~ identification, reads an item or items of print information from the print information storage device which corresponds to the read reservation request, and transmits the read item or items of

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print information to the one of the printers which transmits the second user ID.

Claim 67 (Currently Amended). The printing information distribution apparatus according to claim 66, wherein

the printing reservation screen image ~~[[makes]]~~ enables the user to input the reservation request, the first user ID, and a
5 selection of advertisement printing input identification, and a
print format;

the reservation request and identification storage device stores the reservation request, the first user ID, and the
selection of advertisement printing input identification, and the
10 print format; and

the distribution device reads the reservation request and the selection of advertisement printing print format from the reservation request and first user ID identification storage device which corresponds to the second user ID transmitted from
15 the one of the printers input identification, reads an item or items of print information from the print information storage device which corresponds to the read reservation request,
~~modifies the read item or items of print information based on the~~
~~read print format,~~ and transmits the modified read item or items

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20 of print information with advertisement based on the read
selection of advertisement printing to the one of the printers
which transmits the second user ID.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended). The printing information
distribution apparatus according to claim 66, wherein

the printing reservation screen image ~~[[makes]]~~ enables the
user to input the reservation request, the first user ID, and a
5 selection of continuous printing input identification, and a
print medium selection;

the reservation request and identification storage device
stores the reservation request, the first user ID, and the
selection of continuous printing input identification, and the
10 print medium selection; and

the distribution device reads the reservation request and
the selection of continuous printing ~~print medium selection~~ from
the reservation request and first user ID identification storage
device which corresponds to the second user ID transmitted from
15 the one of the printers input identification, reads an item or
items of print information from the print information storage
device which corresponds to the read reservation request,
develops a content having a number of pages of ~~modifies~~ the read

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20 item or items of print information based on the read selection of
continuous printing ~~print medium selection~~, and transmits the
developed content ~~modified item or items of print information~~ to
the one of the printers which transmits the second user ID.